PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The survey has been completed. However, due to heavy throwforward and large shelf of projects under gauge conversion, it has been decided not to take up the gauge conversion from Rangiya to Murkongselek for the present and to consider the project for being taken up after other gauge conversion works in the region get completed.

Doubling of Rail-Line in Gujarat

1015. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to double the single rail lines in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The surveys for doubling of Delhi-Ahmedabad and Udhna-Jalgaon lines are in progress. Further consideration of these projects would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

(c) Does not arise.

Platforms and amenities on CR station

1016. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no platforms and other amenities at Central Railway, Railway stations at Khopoli, Lauji, Dolawali, Kelavali and Palsadari in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to construct platforms on the above stations and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN

THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Full length platforms with other amenities are available on Central Railway stations—Khopoli, Lauji, Dolavali, Kelavali and Palasdari in Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

Platforms at CST, Mumbai

1017. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Railway has decided to increase the number of platforms at Chattrapati Shivaji Terminus at Mumbai;

(b) whether the Central Railway is going to acquire land of St. Georges Hospital, Mumbai; and

(c) if not, the problems in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Govt. has to transfer 5555 sq.m. of land in exchange for an equal area of Railway land. The State Govt. is to dismantle the structures and hand over the land to be transferred to Railways for extension of platforms.

Railway projects in Andhra Pradesh

1018. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the on-going railway projects in Andhra Pradesh and the progress made thereon, project-wise;

(b) by when those projects are expected to be completed;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred thereon, till date, project-wise;

(d) the funds required for completion of the pending projects; and